

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2005. Applicants have concurrently filed a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-19 were pending. Claims 1, 5, 13-15 and 19 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 7-12, and 16-18 are currently pending.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

The Office Action objected to Claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 for various issues regarding antecedent basis. Appropriate corrections were made to these claims per suggestion of the Office Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this case is in good condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephone or further personal conference would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, who will cooperate in any appropriate manner to advance prosecution.

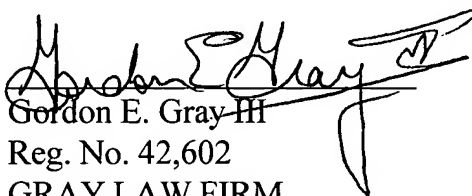
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